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SUMMARY. SYG LUNS HAS CIRCULATED REFERENCE FOR APPROVAL
UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE WITH A DEADLINE OF 14 APRIL
78. THE TWO PROBLEM AREAS OF NOTE HAVE BEEN ADEQUATELY
COVERED IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE COMMENTS AT
ANNEX II TO REFERENCE. REQUEST GUIDANCE BY COB 7 APR 78.
END SUMMARY.

1. SYG LUNS HAS CIRCULATED UNDER REFERENCE THE NATO
BOARD OF AUDITORS REPORT ON INFRASTRUCTURE ACCOUNTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDING 31 DEC 76. THE REPORT IS ROUTINE EXCEPT-
ING FOR THE FAMILIAR ANNUAL STATEMENT ON THE CONTINUED
REFUSAL OF FRANCE TO PAY THE REST OF HER CONTRIBUTION
TO TURKEY FOR THE SECOND QUARTER 1962 (I.E., 16 YEARS
PENDING) AND CERTAIN AUDIT PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE
APPLICATION OF REALISTIC EXCHANGE RATES.
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2. THE AUDITORS AND THE COMMITTEE NORMALLY TREAT THE
FRENCH PAYMENT PROBLEM IN BLAND SHORTHAND. THIS YEAR,
US REP (CAMPBELL) TOOK THE POSITION THAT THE SERIOUSNESS
OF THE FRENCH ACTION HAD BEEN UNDERPLAYED AND THAT IT
WAS TIME FOR A CLEAR STATEMENT OF THE FACTS TO THE
COUNCIL. THE RESULTING COMMENT, WHILE STILL TOO BLAND,

DOES PRESENT MOST OF THE RELEVANT FACTS, AND THE FRENCH ARE WELL AWARE THAT THE TEXT IS A DIPLOMATIC COMPROMISE.

3. THE AUDITORS HAVE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNCIL THE FACT THAT THE NEW, MORE REALISTIC METHOD OF CALCULATING NATIONAL CURRENCY PARITIES WITH THE IAU HAS CREATED A FEW AUDIT PROBLEMS, PRINCIPALLY THE LACK OF A FINAL DECISION ON RETROACTIVE APPLICATION. THESE POINTS WILL BE TAKEN UP IN WORKING GROUP 24 WITHIN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE BY COB 7 APRIL 78. BENNETT

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